Date of Deposit: April 10, 2006

Case No. 7948/16

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

L. Biedermann et al.

10/660,452 Serial No:

September 11, 2003

For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISK

PROSTHESIS

Examiner: D. Willse

Group Art Unit: 3738

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Filed:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated February 8, 2006 for a period of one (1) month(s).

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- claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- is other than small entity \boxtimes

Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity
One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00	\$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00

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Fee	Payment	

	Attached is a check for \$ for the Petition fee.
	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee.
\boxtimes	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
\boxtimes	Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 10, 2006

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